

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
115 Wright Avenue (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 115 Wright Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 115 Wright Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story gabled ell vernacular form with a low-pitched gable roof, green asphalt shingles, a rock-face concrete block foundation, an enclosed front porch and an enclosed entry projecting from the south wall. The building measures 12 feet, 2 inches on the front wall, 33 feet, 4 inches on the side walls, and 18 feet 1 inches on the back wall. The ell measures 12 feet, 1 inch on the front wall and 12 feet, 3 inches on the side wall. The front porch is 12 feet, 1 1/2 inches wide. The house is covered with clapboard siding, except on the side enclosure, which is covered with asbestos shingles. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes. (See photographs WI-323-C-1 and WI-323-C-2)

A wood and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage. The front room is a living room. Behind the living room is kitchen. To the left of the kitchen is a bedroom with a small closet and bathroom. The kitchen cabinets have plain wooden doors and drawer fronts that are painted and have simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and the wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. Used as housing for married couples for much of the twentieth century, this cottage is currently vacant.

History: This cottage was built around 1890. There are no plans or drawings that indicate it was designed by an architect; rather, it was simply a vernacular, functional cottage plan used for married couple housing at the Veterans Home. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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